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SUBJECT: GHANA MFA VIEWS OF COTE D'IVOIRE

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1. (C) On November 24, Ghanaian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Acting Director for African Affairs, Mr. G.A.A. Saame, told PolChief he was hopeful that the tensions in Cote D'Ivoire have eased. He and Ghana's Foreign Minister had participated in initial Africa Union/ECOWAS discussions in Lagos on the Cote D'Ivoire crisis. Ghana supported the UN arms embargo and South African mediation efforts. South African President Mbeki was still talking with the Ivoirian government and the rebels, as mandated by the AU and ECOWAS. Ghana was awaiting his report and saw it as premature to be more involved in Cote D'Ivoire until assessing the fruits of Mbeki's diplomatic efforts.

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